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Dear Citizen:

This is the Record of Decision (ROD) on the Safe Interim Storage (SIS) of Hanford Tank Wastes Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS). The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), with concurrence from the Washington State Department of Ecology, has prepared this ROD in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

This ROD deals with interim action required prior to making decisions based on the Hanford Tank Waste Remediation System (TWRS) EIS. The TWRS EIS is being prepared to analyze long term tank waste management actions.

The SIS FEIS ROD documents DOE's decision to initiate construction activities for a replacement cross site transfer pipeline between the 200 East and 200 West areas of the Hanford Site. The replacement pipeline provides a safe and reliable cross-site transfer capability in support of the SIS needs of the tank farms.

The ROD, FEIS, and reference documents are available in public reading rooms and information repositories. Their addresses are included in this ROD and in the NEPA/State Environmental Policy Act fact sheet in Volume 1 of the FEIS. For further information or to request additional copies, contact:

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DOE will continue to inform the public and interested parties on any subsequent NEPA actions related to the TWRS Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John D. Wagoner".
John D. Wagoner
Manager